
Will of William Stayt 1707 (Oxford Archdeaconry Court, 205.285;150/2/53)

Summary

Testator: William Staite of Idbury, Oxfordshire, Yeoman
Executor: son Thomas
Date: 25 November 1697, proved 25 September 1707
Witnesses: Jo Grayhurst, John Pound, Mary Humphries
Will:
- 5s to son William
- 5s to daughter Elinor Palmer
- 5s to daughter Mary Baker
- 20s apiece to each grandchild when 21
- rest to son Thomas
Total fortune: - ca. £2, property in Idbury, + rest

In the name of God Amen

1. the five and twentieth day of November in the ninth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord William the third by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith Anno Dom 1697 I William Steyte of Idbury in the County of Oxon yeoman being of sound & perfect mind memory and understanding (thanks be to god) and calling to mind the uncertainty of mans life in general and of mine own life in particular Doe hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
2. First I commend my Soul unto Almighty God my Creator in hope and full assurance of a glorious resurrection at the last day by the death and merits of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ who died for me & my body I bequeath to the Earth to be decently buried and as for my worldly estate which the Lord of his goodness has lent me to which I have not already disposed of I dispose therefore as follows
3. Imprimus I give unto my son William Steyte five shillings to be paid unto him immediately after my decease
4. Item I give unto my daughter Elinor Palmer five shillings to be paid unto her immediately after my decease
5. Item I give unto my daughter Mary Baker five shillings to be paid unto her immediately after my decease
6. Item I give unto all the children of my son William Steyte and unto all the children of my said daughter Ellinor Palmer and unto all the children of my said daughter Mary Baker being all of them my grandchildren twenty shillings apiece to be paid unto them severally & respectively as they shall attain their several ages of one & twenty years (and being now born and my will & mind further is that in case any of my grand children shall happen to die before they shall attain the age of one & twenty years that then & in such case the Legacy or legacies before hereby given to such & so many of them as shall so die shall be and remain unto my executor hereafter named And my will and mind further is that if any of my said grandchildren shall attain the age of one and twenty years before my decease then the legacy or legacies hereby given to such or so many of them as shall so attain their said ages shall not be paid until my decease

7. All the rest of my goods and chattels real & personal together with all my lands tenements & hereditaments situate lying & being within the liberties of Idbury Bould & Foscott in the said County & either of them I give & bequeath unto my son Thomas Steyte and with all my term & estate thereof and therein
8. And do hereby ordain and make my said Thomas Steyte my whole & sole executor of this my last Will and Testament my debts legacies & funeral expenses to be by him paid and discharged forth of the estate hereby given unto him
9. And I do hereby revoke & make void all former Wills & Testaments by me made and do publish & declare this my present Will to be my last Will & Testament
10. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written

William Steyte

A codicil annexed before the sealing & delivery hereof (that is to say) I do give to Anne my wife all her wearing apparel & rings to dispose of to whom she pleases

Signed sealed published & declared in the presence of us Jo: Grayhurst, John Pound his mark, Mary Humphries her mark

Probate 25 September 1707 Tho: Stayte son & executor